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SUBJECT: RHODESIA CONFERENCE: MUZOREWA'S PLAN FOR AN
INTERIM GOVERNMENT

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1. BISHOP MUZOREWA GAVE ASSISTANT SECRETARY REINHARDT
HIS DELEGATION'S PLAN FOR AN INTERIM GOVERNMENT.

THE PLAN IS AS FOLLOWS.

2. BEGIN TEXT

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AFRICAN NATIONAL COUNCIL - ZIMBABWE

PROPOSALS FOR THE STRUCTURE OF INTERIM GOVERNMENT
OF ZIMBABWE

1. GOVERNOR

THERE SHALL BE A GOVERNOR APPOINTED FOR THE DURATION
OF THE INTERIM GOVERNMENT BY HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN ON
THE ADVICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER.

2. PRIME MINISTER

THERE SHALL BE AN ELECTION ON A ONE MAN ONE VOTE BASIS
TO SELECT THE PRIME MINISTER.

DETERMINATION OF PERSONS TO FILL OFFICES

(A) THERE SHALL BE AN ELECTION ON A ONE MAN ONE VOTE
BASIS TO ELECT THE PRIME MINISTER.

(B) THE NUMBER OF MINISTERS REPRESENTING EACH PARTY
SHALL BE DIRECTLY PROPORTIONAL TO THE NUMBER OF
VOTES CAST FOR EACH PARTY.

(C) THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE MINISTRIES SHALL BE AT THE
SOLE DISCRETION OF THE PRIME MINISTER.

(D) NO PARTY OBTAINING LESS THAN -PERCENT OF THE TOTAL VOTES
CAST SHALL BE ENTITLED TO REPRESENTATION ON THE
COUNCIL OF MINISTERS. (THE ACTUAL PERCENTAGE TO
BE DETERMINED.)

3. EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

(A) COMPOSITION

(I) THERE SHALL BE AN EXECUTIVE COUNCIL CONSISTING
OF THE PRIME MINISTER AND 34 MEMBERS.

(II) THE MEMBERS SHALL BE NOMINATED BY PERSONS WHO
WILL HAVE SOUGHT ELECTION FOR THE OFFICE OF
PRIME MINISTER AND WILL HAVE POLLED NOT LESS
THAN-PERCENT (THE ACTUAL PERCENTAGE TO BE DECIDED)
OF THE TOTAL VOTES CAST IN THE ELECTION FOR THE
PRIME MINISTER.

(III) EACH PERSON NOMINATING SHALL NOMINATE A NUMBER
OF MINISTERS PROPORTIONATE TO THE NUMBER OF
VOTES CAST FOR HIM.

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(B) FUNCTIONS

(I) THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL SHALL EXERCISE EXECUTIVE
POWERS DURING THE TRANSITIONAL PERIOD.

(II) THE COUNCIL SHALL ADMINISTER THE COUNTRY AND
SHALL MODIFY THE VARIOUS ORGANS OF GOVERNMENT
WHERE IT CONSIDERS IT NECESSARY.

(III) THE COUNCIL SHALL APPOINT A COMMISSION TO
DRAFT THE INDEPENDENCE CONSTITUTION OF THE

COUNTRY AND THIS CONSTITUTION SHALL BE
APPROVED BY THE PEOPLE OF ZIMBABWE AT A
REFERENDUM.

(IV) THE COUNCIL SHALL SUPERVISE TRANSITIONAL
PROCESSES.

(V) THE COUNCIL SHALL APPOINT A DELIMITATION
COMMISSION AND SUPERVISE THE HOLDING OF
PRE-INDEPENDENCE ELECTIONS.

(VI) THE COUNCIL SHALL EXERCISE ANY OTHER
FUNCTIONS FOR THE GOOD GOVERNMENT OF THE
COUNTRY.

VOTING
DECISIONS OF THE COUNCIL SHALL BE BY A SIMPLE
MAJORITY.

4. THE LEGISLATURE

(A) THE LEGISLATURE SHALL BE COMPOSED OF THOSE SAME
PERSONS WHO ARE MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

(B) THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL SHALL HAVE POWER TO MAKE
NEW LAWS AND TO REPEAL AND AMEND EXISTING LAWS.

VOTING
DECISIONS OF THE LEGISLATURE SHALL BE BY A SIMPLE MAJORITY.

PRESENTED BY:
THE AFRICAN NATIONAL COUNCIL - ZIMBABWE
PRESIDENT: BISHOP A. T. MUZOREWA

NOVEMBER 17, 1976
END TEXT.

3. COMMENT: AS THE BISHOP TOLD THE ASISTANT SECRETARY,
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HE IS STANDING BEHIND HIS PROPOSAL THAT THE INTERIM
GOVERNMENT AND ITS PRIME MINISTER BE SELECTED ON THE
BASIS OF AN ELECTION. ABRAMS
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